McCausland College of Arts & Sciences
Strategic Engagement Committee Minutes
Sept 17, 2025, 9-10am, Petigru 321

The purpose of the first meeting was to determine member terms, select a chair, set the meeting schedule for the year, and consider possible priorities.

1. **Meeting convened, introduction of committee members**
   Present: Silvia Atim, Rosemarie Booze, Ed Madden, Agnes Mueller, Lauren Steimer, Adela Vraciu, Mylene Culbreath, Jean Taylor Ellis, Tristan Johnson, Wade Luther

2. **Report from the Secretary of the Faculty, Jean Taylor Ellis**
   Ellis reviewed guidelines for the committee's composition and mission according to the by-laws. Reminded committee of college-wide meetings: 9/23, 11/18, 1/13, 3/17. The chair or a representative from the committee must attend monthly Dean's Council meetings.

3. **Determination of term lengths, election of chair**
   The faculty members of the committee agreed to the following terms.
   - 3-year terms – Atim, Steimer, Vraciu
   - 2-year terms – Delay, Mueller
   - 1-year terms – Booze, Madden

   Steimer offered to attend Dean's Council meetings.
   Ed Madden agreed to chair the committee.

4. **Brief discussion of topics to address**
   Committee members discussed reasons they joined the committee and shared a variety of topics they hoped the committee might address. Faculty members suggested exit interviews for faculty, attention to global interests and programs of the College, accessibility best practices, broader parameters of student engagement and outreach. Ex-officio members suggested the committee create a public engagement plan for faculty, staff, and students, with specific parameters for addressing topics and grievances, proposing and responding to topics, and formulating mechanisms for engagement.

5. **Adjournment**

Because of time constraints, committee suggested confirming next meeting (which must be in person) via email.